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SUBJ: SAIGON EVACUATION FLIGHTS

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1. FOLLOWING SPECIAL UNHCR-CHARTERED FLIGHT EVACUATING AMERICANS FROM SAIGON AUGUST 1 (REFTEL), AIR FRANCE HAS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY ADJUSTED ITS SCHEDULE TO THREE FLIGHTS A WEEK (WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY), FIRST OF WHICH OCCURRED AUGUST 4, FOLLOWING DAY'S FLIGHT CARRIED SIXTY PASSENGERS OUT OF A CAPACITY OF SOMEWHAT OVER EIGHTY. SOME OF THE PASSENGERS WERE INDONESIANS, WHOM THE ICRC HAS LONG BEEN TRYING TO TRANSPORT OUT OF SAIGON. AIR FRANCE ADVISES THAT PROBABLY THRICE-WEEKLY FLIGHTS SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST, WHEN THEY WILL CEASE, ALTHOUGH THE AIRLINES NOTES THAT THE OPERATION IS ONLY CERTAIN IN TERMS OF A WEEK AT A TIME.

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2. AIR FRANCE NOW EXPECTS TO FLY THE UNHCR FLIGHT TO EVACUATE FILIPINOS FROM SAIGON AUGUST 8. THE PLANE WILL PROBABLY BE FULL, ALTHOUGH THE GOP CONTINUES TO DELIBERATE OVER THE LIST OF NAMES. FLIGHT TIME WILL BE ADVANCED SO THE PASSENGERS CAN TRANSFER ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ONTO A FLIGHT TO MANILA.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THE ICRC IS PLANNING ITS THIRD AND LAST FLIGHTS OUT OF SAIGON TO TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. PURPOSE WILL BE TO TRANSPORT INDIAN NATIONALS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO INDIA.
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